

Mental Health Task Force
Recommendation 24 Stakeholder Committee
Central Office, Conference Room B

January 24, 2007

Members Present: Bernie Simons, Mahree Skala, Gene Barnes, Mike Hanrahan, Vim Horn, Byron Koster, Cindy Mueller, Lorie Perdieu, Tracy Southard, Jackie Swinnie, Les Wagner, Lois Warren, Wendy Witcig, Jennifer Wooldridge, George Woodward

Guests: Judy Alexander, Jhan Hurn, Kay Green, Donna Howard, Christine Cloe, Sterling Brown, Julie Roscoe, Brian Lenz, Elston McCowan, Becky Dodds, Sharon Young, Ceil Callahan, Sandra Arneson, Rebecca Rivette, Barb Griffith, Peg Capo, Jeff Grosvenor, Jeff Hammons, Alecia Nissen, Cindy Langford, Cindee Mulik, Fred Fridlington, Jan Jones, Roger Garlich, Wes Buffington, Tec Chapman, Sandy Wise, Betsy Barnes, Wendy Hays, Scott Shepherd, Rebecca Blackwell, Robin Rust, Greg Kramer, Wendy Buehler, Mary Sullivan Thomas, Julia Kaufmann, Erika Ranabarger, Nancy Schetzler

Topic	Discussion
Introductions	The members of the Stakeholder Committee as well as those in the audience introduced themselves. Mahree Skala will serve as the facilitator of these meetings.
Background Information	<p><i>Handouts—Recommendation 24 Summary and Brochure—Missouri Mental Health Task Force Report</i></p> <p>Bernie Simons thanked the members of the Committee for agreeing to participate.</p> <p>The Governor appointed the Mental Health Task Force last year which was chaired by the Lt. Governor and Ron Dittmore. The Task Force held public hearings around the state and from that developed 25 recommendations. Recommendation 24 stated that the Division of MRDD shall create a committee of key stakeholders to evaluate the feasibility of public-private partnerships to deliver case management services, determine eligibility, manage local wait lists, and provide and/or contract for a system of programs and services in their local areas.</p> <p>The committee should examine proposals to transfer many of the functions provided by the 11 regional centers currently operated by the Department of Mental Health to local entities.</p>

	<p>The committee will be chaired by the Director of the MRDD and members should include representatives from provider organizations, SB 40 boards, family members or guardians of a person with a disability, self-advocates, regional center employees, Mo. Protection and Advocacy Services, and the Mo. Planning Council, and represent both urban and rural areas. Other MRDD staff who will assist the committee are Tec Chapman (Bernie's designee as needed), Jeff Grosvenor (fiscal data and analysis), and Kay Green (Waiver or Medicaid issues).</p> <p>A final report with recommendations should be submitted to the Mental Health Commission and the Lt. Governor by May 1, 2007, regarding what the regional center functions will be and what the non-regional center functions will be. The feasibility report should include a study of economic impact, timelines, and strategies for implementation if so recommended, along with proposed legislation if needed.</p>
Goals Discussion	<p>Mahree asked each committee member to write down their top three (or more) qualities they would like to see in the finished product. These suggestions were collected and read.</p> <p>Mahree then asked them to write down what ground rules they want to be sure are included. These suggestions were collected.</p>
Functional Structure of Regional Centers	<p><i>Handouts—Regional Center Functional Structure and Comparison of Proposals</i></p> <p>Bernie discussed the handout developed by the Division of MRDD Exec Team which details the proposed regional center functions. Some areas must remain with the regional center while others may be performed by outside entities.</p>
Proposal by Jasper County	<p><i>Handouts—Jasper Co. Sheltered Facilities Board Proposal and JCSFB Power Point Presentation</i></p> <p>Jeff Hammons, Board President, and Alecia Nissen, Executive Director, explained their proposal with a Power Point presentation then answered questions afterward.</p>
Proposal by Mo. Association of Rehabilitation Facilities	<p><i>Handouts—New Directions for Missourians with Developmental Disabilities Executive Summary and New Directions Power Point Presentation</i></p> <p>Scott Shepherd and Jhan Hurn explained the MARF proposal with a Power Point presentation then answered questions afterward.</p>

Proposal for Programs of Excellence	<p><i>Handouts—MRDD Program of Excellence Concept Paper and Program of Excellence Power Point Presentation</i></p> <p>Roger Garlich explained the Program of Excellence proposal with a Power Point presentation then answered questions afterward.</p>
Committee Plan of Work	<p>Our guide for structuring the meetings will be using the side by side comparison document (on the left hand side). Because of the short timeframe, we will begin tackling the items that take the most discussion. The document will be edited as we go along and in the end, the committee will review it as a whole and make a recommendation.</p> <p>These are the only proposals that were submitted to the Division for consideration. The committee's final recommendation can be an endorsement of one of the proposals, a hybrid version, or not accepting them at all.</p> <p>Kay Green and Margy Mangini are working with CMS re: conflict of interest. Kay believes she will have more information within four weeks.</p> <p>The next meeting for the committee is February 5, 2007, from 9:00-3:00 in Central Office, Conference Room B.</p>